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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2001.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4,6-13 and 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5,14 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 October 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-4, 6-13 are 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the prior art admitted by the applicant in the specification of the instant application, (now referred as “admitted prior art”).

As per claims 1 and 10, see figure 3 and pages 2-7 of the specification, the admitted prior art discloses a method/system comprising:

first storing step/means (12) of storing a feedback value ($w_1(n-2)$) associated with an input sample which precedes a current input sample ($x(n)$) in a first filtering stage (1);

second storing step/means (16) of storing a feedback value ($w_2(n-2)$) associated with an input sample preceding the current input sample in a second filtering stage (3);

third storing step/means (10) of storing a partial state value ($w_1(n-1)$) in a storage coupled between the filtering stage and second filtering stage, the partial state value being a function of a feedback state value ($x_1(5)$) associated with the current input sample ($x(n)$) and the input sample preceding the current input sample (see $w_1(n-2)$); and

updating step/means (19, 18, 6, 8, 14)) of using the partial state value to update a feedback stage value ($w_2(n-1)$) associated with the second filtering stage.

As per claims 2 and 11, the admitted prior art discloses that the first filtering stage comprises: a first storage element (10) of storing a feedback state value ($w_1(n-1)$) associated with an input sample which precedes the current input sample; and a second storage element (12) of storing a feedback value ($w_1(n-2)$) associated with an input sample which precedes the input sample preceding the current input sample.

As per claim 3 and 12, the admitted prior art discloses that the second filtering stage comprises: a first storage element (14) of storing a feedback state value ($w_2(n-1)$) associated with an input sample which precedes the current input sample; and a second storage element (16) of storing a feedback value ($w_2(n-2)$) associated with an input sample which precedes the input sample preceding the current input sample.

As per claim 4 and 13, as applied to claims 1 and 10, the admitted prior art discloses that the partial state value is used to update the feedback state value associated with the first storage element of the second filtering stage (see figure 3).

As per claims 6 and 15, in the admitted prior art method/system, storing the partial state value inherently enables the update of the feedback state value associated with the first storage element of the second filtering stage within one cycle after the availability of the preceding feedback state value updates ($w_1(n-1)$) associated with the first filtering stage.

As per claims 7, 8, 16 and 17, the admitted prior art discloses that the storage elements are implemented with a DSP (see figure 4).

As per claims 9 and 18, the admitted prior art discloses that the storage elements are implemented with circuits (see figure 4).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 5 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 19 and 20 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. References (6,445,735), (4,521,867) and (6,263,354) are additionally cited because they are pertinent to the claimed invention.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Phu whose telephone number is 703-308-0158. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00) First Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 703-306-3034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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